IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Christina Donahue, as Administratrix of the : Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, et al., :

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Plaintiffs, : Civil Action No.: 22-1695

v. : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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Borough of Collingdale, et al.

:

Defendants. :

ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2024, upon consideration of Plaintiff-Petitioner Christina Donahue, as Administratrix of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, and any response thereto, with the Court finding good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that Petitioner-Plaintiff, Christina Donahue, is authorized to enter into a settlement on behalf of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, Deceased, with Defendants for the total settlement amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00).

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the settlement proceeds totaling Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

Gross Settlement \$4,500,000.00

TO: Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. \$1,800,000.00

Counsel Fees (40 %)

TO: Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. \$91,408.41

Reimbursement of Costs

Net Proceeds \$ 2,608,591.59

Survival Action (25%)

TO: Estate of Angel McIntyre \$ 652,147.91

Wrongful Death Action (75%) \$1,956,443.68

TO: Christina Donahue \$978,221.84

TO: Christopher McIntyre \$978,221.84

All sums set forth above constitute damages on account of personal physical injuries or sickness arising from an occurrence within the meaning of Section 104(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BY THE COURT:

MICHAEL M. BAYLSON, U.S.D.J.

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CORRECTED PETITION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION OF WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL ACTIONS

Petitioner Christina Donahue, as Administratrix of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Corrected Petition to approve settlement distribution and aver as follows:

- 1. Petitioner is the parent of decedent, Angel McIntyre, and was appointed a Co-Administrator of the Estate of Angel McIntyre on November 12, 2020, by the Register of Wills of Delaware County. *See* Certificate of Grant of Letters of Administration for Estate No. 2020-1317, attached hereto as **Ex. A**.
- 2. On July 16, 2020, Decedent was killed while the passenger of a vehicle that was struck at the intersection of Oak Lane and McDade Boulevard, in Collingdale, Pennsylvania by a vehicle being pursued at high speeds by police officers from the Boroughs of Collingdale and Darby. *See* Death Certificate, attached hereto as **Ex. B**.
- 3. On May 3, 2022, Petitioner and her Co-Plaintiffs initiated the above captioned action, alleging 14th Amendment civil rights violations and supplemental state law claims against the Boroughs of Collingdale and Darby, as well as three now dismissed police officer defendants.

- 4. The Estate's wrongful death and survival actions in the above-captioned action were settled on March 04, 2024, as part of a global resolution between Plaintiffs and the Boroughs of Collingdale and Darby, for the sum of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), seventy-five (75%) of which amount the parties allocated to the wrongful death action and twenty-five percent (25%) of which amount the parties allocated to the survival action.
- 5. All Plaintiffs have consented to the Estate's allocation and executed Release Agreements with Defendants.
- 6. Decedent Angel McIntyre was 18 years old and lived with Petitioner prior to her death; she was planning to begin college studies.
- 7. Decedent was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of multiple blunt force injuries. There is no evidence of any pain and suffering.
 - 8. Decedent did not have a Will.
- 9. Petitioner served a copy of this Petition on the intestate heirs of Decedent, in accordance with 20 Pa.C.S.A. § 2101, et seq., who are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Address
Christina Donahue	Mother	1 Stratford Road, Glen Olden, PA 19036
Christopher McIntyre	Father	315 Westeria Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

- 10. There are no unpaid claims that have been raised and/or are outstanding in the Decedent's Estate.
- 11. The following settlement was reached after an extensive mediation with Jerry P. Roscoe, Esq. of JAMS: Payment in the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) on behalf of Defendants, Borough of Collingdale and Borough of Darby.

- 12. Plaintiffs' counsel is of the professional opinion that the proposed settlement is reasonable due to the following: (1) the costs and risks associated with a trial involving complex legal and factual issues; (2) the high standard of deliberate indifference required to prove the Decedent's constitutional claims; (3) the limited available funds to pay state law claims due to the presence of a statutory cap on municipal liability; (4) the absence and/or minimal pain and suffering prior to Decedent's death; and (5) the uncertainty surrounding any economic damages due to the fact that the Decedent had not yet begun college studies or secured fulltime employment. See Affidavit of Elizabeth A. Bailey, attached respectively as Ex. C.
- 13. Furthermore, the Decedent's parents, Petitioner and Christopher McIntyre, are of the opinion that the proposed settlement is reasonable and have consented to distribution as set forth in this petition. *See* Affidavits of Christina Donahue and Christopher McIntyre, attached respectively as **Ex. D** and **Ex. E**.
- 14. As Decedent is survived by her parents, left no Will, and the Estate owes no money to any creditors, the net recovery under the proposed settlement will be distributed entirely to Decedent's parents, Petitioner Christina Donahue and Christopher McIntyre.
- 15. Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court approve the allocation of settlement proceeds with seventy-five percent (75%) allocated to the wrongful death action and twenty-five percent (25%) allocated to the survival action given (1) the immeasurable loss that Decedent's parents have suffered, (2) the emotional impact that Decedent's death has had upon their lives; (3) the difficulties to be encountered by them in living a life without their daughter; and (4) the very limited pain and suffering Decedent experienced before her death.
- 16. Taking into consideration the various elements of the wrongful death and survival act claims, Petitioner believes that the allocation of seventy-five percent (75%) of the settlement

funds to the wrongful death claim and twenty-five percent (25%) to the survival claim is appropriate and reasonable in this case.

- 17. Specific to the Estate, undersigned counsel has incurred expenses for which reimbursement is sought in the amount of Ninety-One Thousand Four Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$91,408.41). Settlement was reached on March 4, 2024 only after extensive depositions, the resolution of dispositive motions, and pretrial motion practice on significant evidentiary issues took place. This matter involved extensive written discovery, the retention of numerous expert witnesses, extensive depositions of parties and fact witnesses, and a significant amount of legal research on complex and novel issues of law. In total, eight attorneys from the undersigned's office assisted with this litigation, as well as three paralegals.
- 18. Based on the foregoing, undersigned counsel requests fees in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000), which represents forty percent (40%) of the gross proceeds of the settlement.
- 19. Counsel's requested fee is reasonable in light of the intense preparation required by this difficult case, which resulted in an exceptional outcome for Petitioner, insofar as the Court's ruling to permit Petitioner's difficult constitutional claims against the Boroughs of Collingdale and Darby to proceed to a jury trial rendered the aggregate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) statutory cap on municipal liability for state law negligence claims immaterial.
- 20. As a result of counsel's effectiveness throughout the preparation of this case, Petitioner received a fair and adequate settlement offer for the Estate's claims.
- 21. Petitioner requests allocation of the net proceeds of the settlement (after deduction of costs and attorneys' fees) to be as follows:
 - a. Wrongful death claim (75%)

- b. Survival claim (25%)
- 22. Of the net recovery, Petitioner respectfully requests seventy-five percent (75%), or \$1,956,443.68, be allocated to the Wrongful Death claim and twenty-five percent (25%), or \$652,147.91, be allocated to the Survival Claim.
- 23. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has approved this distribution. *See* Approval Letter attached. **Ex. F**.
- 24. Pursuant to the Wrongful Death Statute (42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8301), the beneficiaries of the wrongful death and the survival claims and the proportion of their interest, are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Percentage of	Amount Due
		Net Settlement	
Christina Donahue	Mother	50%	\$978,221.84
Christopher	Father	50%	\$978,221.84
McIntyre			

- 25. The remaining \$652,147.91 shall be distributed to the Estate of Angel McIntyre pursuant to the Pennsylvania Survival Act.
 - 26. The is no pecuniary loss suffered by the beneficiaries.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the settlement recited above be approved and that the Court enter an Order of Distribution as provided within this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 25, 2024 GRANT & EISENHOFER P.A.

/s/ Elizabeth A. Bailey

M. Elizabeth Graham, Esq. Adam J. Gomez, Esq. Elizabeth A. Bailey, Esq. Steve A. Medina, Esq. Cynthia B. Morgan, Esq. 123 Justison Street Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 622-7000 egraham@gelaw.com agomez@gelaw.com ebailey@gelaw.com smedina@gelaw.com cmorgan@gelaw.com

Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Christina Donahue, As Administratrix of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, Matthew Munafo, and Kristyanna Dellavecchia

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, ELIZABETH A. BAILEY, counsel for Plaintiffs, state that a true and correct copy of the within Corrected Petition to Approve Settlement Distribution of Wrongful Death and Survival Actions was served upon all parties via ECF the 25th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Elizabeth A. Bailey

ELIZABETH A. BAILEY

EXHIBIT A



Certificate of Grant of Letters of Administration

ESTATE NO:

2320-1317

ESTATE OF:

ANGEL MCINTYRE, Deceased

SOC SEC NO:

WHEREAS, ANGEL MCINTYRE, late of Parkside Borough, Delaware County, PA, who died on July 16, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Grant of Letters of Administration is required for the administration of the estate.

THEREFORE, I, Rachel Ezzell Berry, Register of Wills in and for said county, hereby certify that I have this day granted LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to CHRISTOPHER J.

MCINTYRE and CHRISTINA M. DONAHUE

who has duly qualified as **Co-Administrator** and has agreed to administer the estate according to law, all of which fully appears of record in my office in the Delaware County Government Center, Media, Pennsylvania.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office on November 12th, 2020.



Rachel Ezzell Berry
Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans' Court

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Delaware County

} ss:

I, RACHEL EZZELL BERRY, ESQUIRE, Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters Testamentary and of Administration in and for County of Delaware, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby Certify that on November 12, 2020

CHRISTOPHER J. MCINTYRE and CHRISTINA M. DONAHUE

was duly and legally appointed as Co-Administrator of the estate of

ANGEL MCINTYRE

who died **July 16**, **2020** late of **Parkside Borough**, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and has been duly qualified as such according to law as can be verified by reference to the records in my office, and that the letters have not been revoked.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, at Media in the County aforesaid, on December 09, 2020.

File No. 2320-1317

Register of Wills

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Delaware County

} ss:

I, RACHEL EZZELL BERRY, ESQUIRE, Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters Testamentary and of Administration in and for County of Delaware, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby Certify that on November 12, 2020

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Delaware County

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WITNESS my hand and seal of office, at Media in the County aforesaid, on December 09, 2020.

File No. 2320-1317

Register of Wills,

EXHIBIT B

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

WARNING: It is illegal to duplicate this copy by photostat or photograph.

Fee for this certificate: \$20.00

P 27562801

Certification Number



This is to certify that the information here given is correctly copied from an original Certificate of Death duly filed with me as Local Registrar. The original certificate will be forwarded to the State Vital Records Office for permanent filing.



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EXHIBIT C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Christina Donahue, as Administratrix of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, et al.,

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Plaintiffs, : Civil Action No.: 22-1695

v. : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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Borough of Collingdale, et al.

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Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH A. BAILEY, ESQUIRE

I, Elizabeth A. Bailey, Esquire, being duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and state the following:

- 1. I am counsel for Plaintiff-Petitioner, Christina Donahue, as Administratrix of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased.
- 2. The Plaintiff's claims against Defendants were successfully mediated, negotiated and settled in the amount of \$4,500,000.00.
- 3. It is my professional opinion that the proposed monetary settlement with these defendants for \$4,500,000 is reasonable and appropriate.
- 4. The facts set forth in the Petition to Approve Settlement and Distribution are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: April 16, 2024

ELIZABETH A. BAILEY, ESQ.

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Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. 123 Justison Street Wilmington, DE 19801

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Counsel for Plaintiff-Petitioner

EXHIBIT D

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Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT AND VERIFICATION OF CHRISTINA DONAHUE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANGEL MCINTYRE, DECEASED

- I, Christina Donahue, being duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and state the following:
- 1. I am the mother of Angel McIntyre, deceased, the Co-Administrator of Angel's Estate, and Plaintiff-Petitioner in the above-captioned action.
 - 2. Angel's father, Christopher McIntyre, is a Co-Administrator of Angel's Estate.
- 3. I retained the law firm of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., and their associated attorneys, to litigate the interests of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, and the interests of Angel's beneficiaries, which consist solely of Christopher McIntyre and myself, through the initiation of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims in the above-captioned action.
- 4. I believe that the proposed settlement of the Wrongful Death and Survival Claims with Defendants is fair and reasonable.
- 5. I have read the Petition to Approve Settlement and Distribution and believe that the facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

- 6. I approve of the proposed Order of Distribution as set forth in the foregoing Petition and proposed Order.
- 7. All statements made in this affidavit and verification are made subject to the provisions and penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. 4904 related to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

Dated: April 16, 2024

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CHRISTIN ADDONAHUE

Plaintiff-Petitioner, individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased

EXHIBIT E

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Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER MCINTYRE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANGEL MCINTYRE, DECEASED

- I, Christopher McIntyre, being duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and state the following:
- 1. I am the father of Angel McIntyre, deceased and the Co-Administrator of Angel's Estate.
- 2. Angel's mother, Christina Donahue, is a Co-Administrator of Angel's Estate and a Plaintiff-Petitioner in the above-captioned action.
- 3. I understand that Christina Donahue retained the law firm of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., and their associated attorneys, to litigate the interests of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased, and the interests of Angel's beneficiaries, which consist solely of Christina Donahue and myself, through the initiation of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims in the above-captioned action.
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Dated: April 16, 2024

CHRISTOPHER MCINTYRE

Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Angel McIntyre, deceased

EXHIBIT F



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Wrongful Death Survival Action Allocation

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue received the Petition for Approval of Settlement Claim to be filed on behalf of the referenced estate in regard to a Wrongful Death and Survival Action. It was forwarded for the approval of allocated proceeds paid to settle the actions.

According to the petition, the decedent died as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The decedent is survived by their parents. The decedent was 18 years old at the Date of Death.

Account Information

Estate of: MCINTYRE, ANGEL

File Number: 2320-1317

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Susan Cruz (717) 787-8327 As the decedent was younger than 22 years old, the sole heir to the decedent's estate is their parents. Therefore, any proceeds paid to settle the Survival Action would pass to the decedent's parents and would be subject to a zero percent Inheritance Tax rate (72 P.S. §9116). Accordingly, regardless of the allocation of the subject proceeds, there would be no Inheritance Tax consequences.

Departmental determination

Please be advised that, based upon these facts and for Inheritance Tax purposes only, the department has no objection to the proposed allocation of the gross proceeds of this action:

Wrongful Death Claim: \$3,375,000.00 Survival Action Claim: \$1,125,000.00

Proceed of a Survival Action are an asset included in the decedent's estate and, although subject to the imposition of a zero percent Inheritance Tax rate in this instance, they must be reported on a decedent's Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax return (42 Pa.C.S.A § 8302) (72 P.S. §§ 9106, 9107). Costs and fees must be deducted in the same percentages as the proceeds are allocated (Estate of Merryman).

References

In re Estate of Merryman, 669 A.2d 1059 (Pa. Cmwlth. Ct. 1995)